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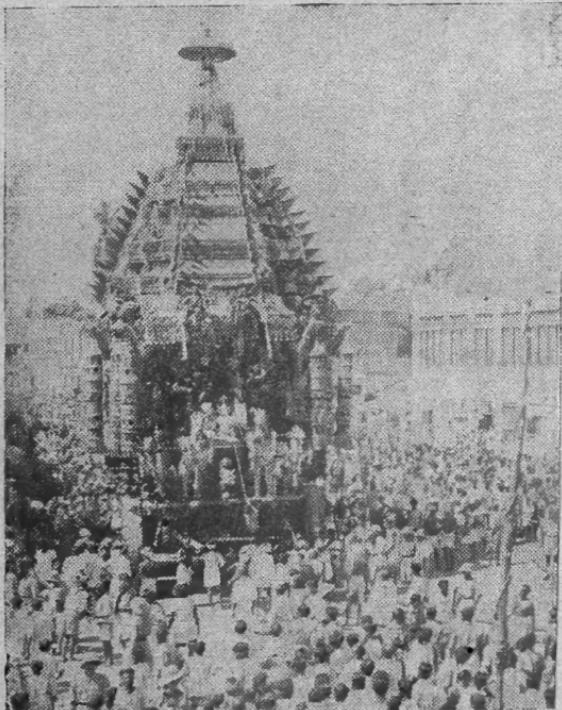


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## OURSELVES.

### The New Year.

From this month we begin the New Official year 1953-54. This has synchronised with the beginning of the Telugu and Tamil New Years.

Training courses are in progress in various Districts during this month and will continue next month also. We have programmed to hold a Commissioners Training Course and a Himalaya Scout Wood Badge Course in the month of May at our Camping and Training Centre Coonoor, and during the year Training Camps will be held in other centres to provide more and more workers as we go on. We hope many will take advantage of these courses and offer their services to the Movement.

*Drive for efficiency.* Last year we were fairly successful in running Divisional and District Camps for raising the standard of the Scouts and Guides. We are sure this will be followed up progressively this year also. There is need for every group concentrating on Text work so that there may be no stagnation.

Tenderfoots must look forward to 2nd class and first class as quickly as possible. Let us also hope there will be more "Bharat Scouts" in the present year.

*Decentralisation.* A certain number of local Associations have been formed, but we need more of them, if we must reach all the villages. A convenient centre, preferably, Taluks should be taken up for such purposes. Recently Saidapet Taluk organised a Local Association with Mrs. Ida L. Chambers as President. The President very generously invited a Rally of 800 Scouts and Guides to her place in Chrompte, provided them with tea and refreshments, and an opportunity to come together and thus gave a splendid lead to Guiding and Scouting in the Taluk. We want more such Presidents and surely we can find them in other Taluks also. Sri A.M.M. Murugappa Chettiar, a business magnate in Madras has become the President of East Madras District Association. He says "I was influenced mainly by conviction of the high ideals of Scouting, deserve prime consideration at the hands of the whole Nation". We welcome him to the rank of the presidents of our Associations in the State. We need them and we want presidents who will not only give financial support and time but also believe in the value of the movement, and therefore evince keen interest in its developments.

### A High Level Conference.

We draw attention of the readers, to the minutes of the first Conference of the representatives of our Association and Officers of the Education Department, held under the Presidency of the Minister for Education last month, published elsewhere. This Conference has been very helpful in the matter of giving the necessary encouragement and support by the Department of Education so that the movement can go ahead with its work from success to success.

We wish good Scouting and Guiding and Camping to all in 1953-54.

*Editor.*



## The Bharat Scouts & Guides.

National Headquarters, New Delhi.

**Copy of a statement issued by Col. J. S. Wilson, C.M.G., O.B.E. Director Boy Scouts International Bureau before leaving India after an All-India Tour.**

It has been a great pleasure for me to return to India after an interval of 20 years and to see something of the Bharat Scouts and Guides in Delhi, Taradevi, Simla, Jaipur, Allahabad, Calcutta and its neighbourhood, and Bombay.

The Bharat Scouts were recognised as representing Scouts in All-India and registered as a member of the Boy Scouts International Conference in 1950. The Bharat Guides will I hope, very shortly be recognised and registered as a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

No other organisation in India is similarly registered nor can it be except as federated with the Bharat Scouts and Guides.

Since I started my own membership of Scouting in Calcutta in 1907 I have always been jealous of its good name in India and naturally expect more of it than I do of Scouting in other parts of the World. I knew the service it can be to the country in the cause of unity and as a help to the youth of India in both the cities and towns and more particularly perhaps in the rural areas. As in every other country in the World the standard of Scouting varies with the locality and with the ability and understanding of its leaders.

The World movement's purpose is both to secure co-operation and unity in Scouting throughout the world and to ensure that its fundamental aim, principles and methods are preserved. These last are a condition of International recognition. From my talk with leaders in November 1952 in Delhi and on my return to India from the Far East and Australia I am satisfied that the fundamentals of Scouting are understood and are being put into practice.

On behalf of World Scouting, I extend good wishes to the Bharat Scouts and Guides and express the hope that by their example they will be able to help the further development of the movement in South East Asia, as well as within India itself.

Bombay,  
25th February 1953.

Sd. J. S. WILSON,  
Director, Boy Scouts International Bureau.

With compliments to all concerned.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES,  
REGAL BUILDINGS, NEW DELHI.

K. G. Vaidyanathan,  
National Secretary.

## Parent Co-operation

Probably most of the parents who fail to co-operate with Scouting never been asked. How can we inform parents as to what Scouting is, what it means to a boy, and how they can help? Here is how Troop Scoutmaster makes its first move. The parents of each new Tenderfoot gets the following letter.

"As Scoutmaster of Troop I wish to take this opportunity to welcome your son, and you, into the ranks of our Organisation. I include you in this welcome because we would like you to feel that this is your Troop too. It is a known fact that Scouts whose parents take a whole-hearted interest in their son's Scouting career always derive more benefits from their membership than do those Scouts whose parents are indifferent. The Troop, too, gains strength by having a corps of interested parents supporting the programme.

It is the aim of leaders of Troop to have every Scout advance to the rank of "Bharat Scout." This is most easily accomplished if both the parents and the Troop leaders work together as a Team. I am sure that when your boy receives that coveted rank, you as his parents, will be able to share his glory because you worked him to attain this goal.

I hope you will become acquainted with all the Troop Leaders so that you will know the caliber of men who are helping to train your boy. We also extend an invitation to visit our meetings from time to time. Your son will be proud that his parents come to see him and his buddies perform.

I would like to explain, at this time some of the important points of your work so that you will be aware of the responsibilities which your son assumes when he joins our Troop. Our aim is to mould the character of the boys and make them good citizens useful to themselves and others. Our methods are unique and our achievements are always certain and good. I will be very pleased to meet you and explain to you further whenever it is convenient to you etc., etc., etc.,"

The above is a model letter suggested.

Adapted.

### United States of America.

The Boy Scouts of America are holding their 3rd National Jamboree at Irvince Ranch in Southern California from 17th to 23rd July. The site is near Santa Ana and south-east of Los Angeles. This will be the first national camp held in the west of the United States, and it is expected that there will be some 50,000 Scouts in camp. There will be a full programme of camp activities, displays, exhibitions and excursions. It is hoped that small parties of Scouts from other countries may be able to attend.

India is expected to send a Patrol of Scouts to this Jamboree. Ask for details to State Headquarters.

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**THE FIRST PAKISTAN NATIONAL JAMBOREE.**  
**Karachi (25th December 1952 to 12th January 1953.)**

Mr. Bulchand, Mr. L. Ranchandani of Bombay who was the leader of the contingent from Bombay, informs us that 4,200 Scouts from various countries Marched Past with colourful flags in clear sun shine, The Chief Scout of Pakistan Mr. Ghulam Mohammad, the Governor General taking the salute; the Chief Commissioner for Scouts Mr. Fazhul Rehman made every camper happy. The Scouts paid their homage to the late Mr. Jinnah at his (tomb) 'Mizar'. Our High Commissioner Dr. Mohan Singh Mehta who is an old Scout Commissioner addressed the Scouts as also Miss Fatima Jinnah "that men have made a mess of the world it is now for you Scouts to rescue the torn-world from chaos, confusion and hatred. He speaks of the glorious time our lads had at Karachi and of the tie of brotherhood strengthened in every way.

**Cubmasters Training Course, Coonoor.**

Under the auspices of the Nilgiri District Bharat Scouts and Guides, Coonoor a cubmasters course (Preliminary) began on Saturday the 21st March 1953 at 5-30 p.m. at the Stanley Park, Scouting and Training Centre, Coonoor. Mrs. R. E. Maclaine-Clarke, Assistant District Commissioner for Guides kindly presided over the meeting. Mr. N. R. Bojarajulu Naidu, District Scout Commissioner hoisted the flag and welcomed the gathering. Sri P. K. Raghunathan, B.A., L.T., Headmaster, Government Training School, Ootacamund, Sri P. V. Ramachandran, B.A., (Hons.), L.T., Headmaster, Municipal High School, Coonoor, spoke about the value of the Training Course for the pupil teacher. Sri J. I. Muthiah Deputy Camp Chief referred to the good work done by the Nilgiri Scout Association.

The District Scout Master's warrant was presented to Sri P. Gujjan Sri V. P. Ramaswami, District Secretary, The Bharat Scouts and Guides, referred to the enthusiastic interest taken by Mr. R. E. Maclaine-Clarke in Guiding. Miss. M. Hensman, Girl Guide Commissioner proposed a vote of thanks.

The Training Camp was in charge of Sri J.I. Muthiah, State Organising Commissioner and assisted by Sri V. P. Ramaswamy, Honorary District Secretary.

**Tiruchirapalli.**

**Dalmia Scout Group.**

"A Group of 24 Scouts and Two Scouters camped at a beautiful garden near Melarasur 3 miles from Dalmiapuram on 4-4-53 from 6-30 a. m. to 6 p.m. The camp was an ideal one and the food was prepared by themselves. The villagers especially Mr. A. Govindaswamy, Mirashdar gave all help. Mr. R. Sundaram was in charge of the camp with the Assistance of Mr. T. N. Guruswamy (Cubmaster)."

### The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Gudiyattam.

The 6th monthly meetings of the Scouter and Guiders 'Feliowship' was held when Mr. Arulanandam, B.A., L.T., District Educational Officer (North Arcot) presided. Sri A. Om. the Secretary welcomed the Guests and Sri M.V. Ramaswamy Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts) and Mrs. A. Gurupatham, Assisstant District Commisioner (Guides) were in charge of the activities.

The Scouts of the Tagore Scout Group Municipal High School, Gudiyattam had been on a days' camp to a village about five miles from the town under the charge of Sri J. S. William the Group Leader (Scouts). The Assistant District Commissioner Secretary and some old Scouts visited the camp.

About 85 Scouter and Guiders of this town went on a days' camp to a Mango tote in Bodipet on Synday the 1st March. The Headmistresses and the Headmasters of the local schools were also present. The camp was under the charge of Sri M. V. Ramaswamy, Assistant District Scout Commissioner.

### Cubmasters' Training Course—(Non-continuous).

As an experimental measure a Training Course for Cubmasters started on a non-contiuuous basis at Wenlock Park for 85 candidates coming from varius departments of life and ran for five Sunday mornings at the State Headquarters, was concluded with a three days camp at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar, from 1st April to 5th April 1953. The regular programme for preliminary course was gone through. The course was in charge of Sri V.S. Ratnasabhapathy, Deputy Camp Chief and helped by Dr. K. Raghavachari District Commissioner, South Madras. Sri M. D. Janardhanam, District Commissioner, East Madras, Miss A. Sakuntala Assistant District Commissioner, Guides, South Madras Sri H. Ramanathan, Group Leader Scouts, Prathap Scout Group, Sri M. Ram Mohan, Distrit Commisioner, North Mâdras, Scouter K. Seshan and Sri K. Madhavan (Quartermaster).

This camp was attended also by three ladies who will take up cub work. The course was inaugurated by State Commissioner Sri V.S. Hejmadi and was visited and addressed by our State Chief Commissioner, Hon'ble Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu.

Though this course cannot be a substitute for a continuous course, yet this course has its own advantages.

### Ramnad District Scout Rally.

The Annual Scout Rally of the Ramanathapuram District was held this year in the spacious grounds of C. M. S. High School, Srivilliputhur on the

21st and 22nd. About 120 scouts from 12 units in the District participated in the various competitions and displays. One special feature of the display was an exhibition followed by a running commentary. Sri K. Viswanatha Nair, District Superintendent of Police, Ramnad presided over the function on the 21st evening and there was an address by Sri K. G. Ramabadran, District Scout Commissioner, Madura. The President exhorted the public to give their unstinted support to this nation-building activity. Mr. N. Johnston William, Asst. Dt. Commissioner was the Rally Officer. Mr. M. Rajagopalan, the State Organizing Commissioner, Mr. P. Somasundaram, the District Scout Commissioner and other Asst. Commissioners also participated in the function. The occasion was availed of to start a Local Scout Association for the Srivilliputhur Taluk with Sri P. A. C. Ramaswami Raja of Rajapalayam as the President, Mr. S. Veerabendra Pillai as a Vice-President and Mr. Venkatachala Mudaliar as the Secretary. An influential Committee was entrusted with the work of running the Association.

P. SOMASUNDARAM.

*District Commissioner*

## BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES.

### Tirunelveli District.

Some of the Scouters of Tinnevelly, the Secretary of the District Association Sri M. Somasundaram Pillai and the District Commissioner (Scouts) Sri T. V. Arumugam met Sri V. S. Hejnadi, I.C.S. State Commissioner (Scouts) at the Travellers' Bungalow, Palamcottah on Monday the 9th of March. They had a long discussion with him in regard to Scout work in the district with special reference to the programme for next year. The State Commissioner offered very useful and helpful suggestions for raising the standard and quality of Scouting. He said that a boy should not long be kept a Tenderfoot or a Second Class Scout but within a year of his joining the movement he should be helped to become a First Class Scout and win a few proficiency badges. The Scouters also should keep themselves up-to-date. Every Scouter should try to secure the Himalaya-Wood-Badge. To start with he can do Part I (Theoretical Course) When Wood-badge courses are conducted Part II (Practical course) may be taken. (There is one, at Coonoor from 19th to 30th May).

Before the gathering broke up the State Commissioner was pleased to present Assistant District Commissioner warrants to (i) Mr. Sugirtharaj Joseph, B.A., L.T., for Tenkasi and (ii) Mr. A. S. Philip, B.A., L.T., for Palamcottah.

T. V. ARUMUGAM,

*District Commissioner*

### Chingleput District.

#### Kancheepuram Rally.

About 400 Cubs, Bulbuls, Scouts and Guides took part in a rally on 11th March. Miss. Grace Solomon, Asst. District Commissioner (Guides) welcomed the gathering. Sri R. Messiah Doss, District Commissioner (Scouts) addressed the gathering Sri S. Ellappa Mudaliar, Municipal Chairman and Vice-President of the District Association, presided. Sri Edward Samuel, Asst. District Commissioner (Scouts) proposed a vote of thanks.

#### Chromepet Rally.

Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary, addressed a gathering of nearly 800 Scouts and Guides, at a rally on the Chromeco grounds on 26th March. He emphasised the need for the Scout training for youngsters and appealed for greater public support. Sri R. Messiah Doss, District Commissioner, welcomed the gathering. Miss A. W. Deans, District Commissioner (Guides) unfurled the Scout Flag. Sri A. Paul William Secretary, Local Association Saidapet, read Messages. Sri V. K. Ramaswamy Mudaliar, M.L.A. President District Board and District Association, also addressed the gathering. There was a display of Scout activities. Mrs. Ida L. Chambers, who presided, was glad to be associated with the Scout Organisation and reminded the Scouts of their daily good turn. Earlier, she was at home to the officers, and provided tea and refreshments to all. Sri D. S. Gururaj Asst. District Commissioner (Scouts) was in charge of the rally.

#### Groups Camp-Out.

About 16 Teachers of the Corley High School, Tambaran including the Head Master, were invested as Rovers by Sri R. Messiah Doss, District Commissioner. There was a rally of the Cubs and Scouts followed by a common dinner.

The St. Columba's Scouts Chingleput, camped for four days near the Palar. Sri P. C. Manickaraj, G.S.M. was in charge and he was assisted by Sri G. Samuel and Sri J. C. Samuel, Scouters. At the visitors evening, Rev. J. Selvaraj and Sri J. E. Paul District Secretary, addressed the gathering. The District Commissioner visited the camp.

The Scouts of the Senior Certified School, Chingleput camped near Karunguli for three days. The camp was conducted by Sri K. Narayana Rao Scout Master, Sri G. Edwin and Sri Andrew Devaraj. The camp was visited by Sri V. D. Mantramurthi, Headmaster of the School and the District Commissioner, Sri Messiah Doss.

R. MESSIAH DOSS,  
District Commissioner.

**Minutes of the First Conference of the Representatives of the Bharat Scouts, and Guides, Madras State, and the Officers of the Education Department, held in the room of the Minister for Education, Fort St. George, at 3 p.m. on Monday the 30th March 1953.**

**Present:**

1. Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao, Minister for Education (Chairman).
2. Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State.
3. Sri K. M. Unnithan, I.C.S., Secretary to Government Education Department (Convenor).
4. Sri S. Govindarajulu Naidu, Bar-at-Law, Director of Public Instruction.
5. Sri V. S. Hejmadi, I.C.S., State Commissioner (Scouts).
6. Mrs. M. N. Clubwala, M.L.C., State Commissioner (Guides).
7. Sri K. Kuruvila Jacob, Head-master, Madras Christian College High School, Chetput.
8. Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides.

**Item (1) on the Agenda: Review of the Work done for the year 1952-53.**

The report of the State Chief Commissioner reviewing the work of the organisation in 1952-53 was recorded after discussion.

**Item (2) of the Agenda: Provision of Funds—Government Grant G.O. relating to grants from District Boards, Municipalities, Panchayat Boards, etc.:**

There was a general discussion about the orders in G.O. No. 1989 L.A., dated 3rd October 1952 under which the District Boards, Municipal Councils and Panchayats are permitted to contribute subject to the condition, among other conditions, that the local body should not have any deficit in its General and Elementary Education Funds. The view was expressed that this condition would stand in the way of the Scout Organisation receiving grants from several local bodies. The General sense was that the question of the relaxation or modification of this condition in the order, should be examined. In this connection, it was agreed that certain limits may be laid down in respect of the contributions expected from the local bodies.

**Item (3) of the Agenda: Co-operation with Education Department (Schools, National Cadet Corps and other Organisations):**

Sri Hejmadi and the State Secretary brought to notice that there is a notion that in view of the Citizenship Training, the Scout Training was unnecessary in the Schools. It was pointed out that this misconception has to some extent affected the work of the organisation. The view that the one should be complementary to the other and there ought to be no clash, was stressed.

The Director of Public Instruction expressed the view that sufficient number of teachers were not coming forward to become Scout-masters, because this would interfere with their private tuitions. It was suggested

that teachers should be encouraged to become Scout Masters, by providing some allowance—say Rs. 10 per mensem—by the managements in the case of such of them as are willing to do so, the expenditure on this allowance being admitted for purposes of grant. It was also suggested that in order to encourage teachers, the question of providing dress (Shirts and Shorts) one set for each year, should be considered, after examining the financial effects of the proposal.

**Item (4) of the Agenda: Training Certificates to teachers and Craft Allowance, etc.:**

It was agreed that a Circular should be issued that the teachers with the Scout Training Certificate should be encouraged to utilize the training.

**Item (5) of the Agenda: Special facilities camping Centres, Camps, Hikes, etc.:**

The Chief State Commissioner suggested that the Government may consider acquisition of sites by themselves or by local bodies for the use of camps. In this connection, it was suggested that Police Parade grounds might be obtained wherever possible and that even public gardens may be thought of for this purpose. The suggestions that about 6 sites may be acquired in suitable Centres in the State for Scout Camps and that the question of the State providing Camp equipment may be considered (the equipment being placed in charge of each Divisional Inspector for being made available for each Scout Camp), were accepted.

**Item (6) on the Agenda : Restoration of post of the District Scout Superintendent for Chingleput District Board, and permission to other District Boards to do likewise :—**

The State Secretary pointed out that the District Scout Superintendent under the Chingleput District Board was in charge of the Scouting in the villages and this facility has ceased to exist after the abolition of the post. He urged the revival of the post. In this connection the Chief State Commissioner brought to the notice of the Conference the system of Scout Organisation which is in vogue in the Madras Corporation and suggested that the question of extending that system to District Boards may be examined.

**Item (7) on the Agenda : Arrangements for the Training of Scouts:—**

It was considered that the Organisation should make arrangements for the training of Scouts.

**Item (8) on the Agenda: How to get more non-teachers as Scouts:—**

Sri Kuruvila Jacob raised the question of bringing in outsiders interested and experienced in the Scout Organisation into this movement, as the participation of such men in the organisation in the past has led to good results. It was considered that some steps should be taken to bring in outsiders like lawyers, merchants etc., in to the organisation.

**Item (9) on the Agenda: How to raise the Standard of Scout training:—**

It was agreed that the best way to improve the standard of Scout training is by organising more camps. The State Secretary said that special camps are held for this purpose and that recently there were camps held in Malabar District and about 800 boys were trained in these camps.

**Item (10) of the Agenda : Can Scouting be provided in Schools as alternative to Citizenship Training?:-**

It was pointed out that there is difference between Citizenship training which forms part of the Secondary School syllabus and which is compulsory and Scout Training which is not compulsory.

**Item (11) of the Agenda: Any other Urgent Matter :-**

The Chief State Commissioner brought to the notice of the Conference that the Headquarters of the Organisation in the 'Wenlock Park' which belongs to the Government and which is leased out to the organisation at a very nominal rent, requires urgent improvements and repairs to the sanitary installation. As it was stated that the Government have been addressed in this regard, the Secretary, Education, said that the matter will be looked into along with the suggestion that the swimming pool in the above premises might be utilized by the Scouts after making improvements.

In answer to a question about the working of the Girl Guides section Mrs. Clubwala observed that the position of this had not suffered adversely after the merger and added that useful work was being done.

The Minister for Education thanked the invitees for the Conference, for responding to the invitation and taking part in the discussions, making valuable contributions.

### THE MOVEMENT.

I would conclude with a note of warning that in the Boy Scout Movement as in other welfare movements it does sometimes happen that undesirable elements worm their way into it. For safe-guarding the Movement, it would of course be necessary to watch for such individuals and weed out those, who are found unsuitable to lead boys. One of the most important factors in selecting a leader is his character, which should be above reproach, as one cannot be too particular about this. There is a weakness in Ceylon for those who have been punished for their defection to resort to imaginary grievances through the Press, and criticize those responsible for taking disciplinary action against them. We have had our share of anonymous letters. It is easy for anonymous writers to resort to the Press to ventilate their grievances instead of coming openly and having these grievances thrashed out with the authorities concerned. They little realise how the intelligent public treat such anonymous letters. The Scout Movement in Ceylon can well stand such onslaught and go from strength to strength in its development."

C. P. JAYAWARDANA,

*The Chief Commissioner  
The Boy Scout Movement in Ceylon.*